

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The frame synchronizing circuit establishes frame synchronization by detecting a sync pattern laid in an incoming frame. The frame synchronization circuit comprises a first frame synchronizing unit and a second frame synchronizing unit. The first and second synchronizing units synchronize with a first pattern, a second pattern at a first position and a second position, respectively. Thereafter, when the first position used for the synchronization by the first frame synchronizing unit is found to be in error, the first frame synchronizing unit synchronizes with the second pattern at the second position used by the second frame synchronization unit.